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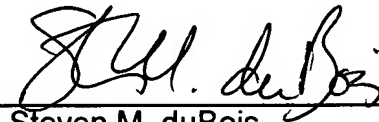
By way of this preliminary amendment, claims 1, 10, 21-24, 26, 28-30, 34, 35, 38-40, 42 and 46 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-12, 31, 36 and 41 have been cancelled.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863 to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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